National Highways in the State of Himachal Pradesh during the last four years is as under:

(Rs. in crore)

Year	Expenditure
2002-03	12.34
2003-04	11.47
2004-05	15.64
2005-06	19.02

(b) to (d) The allocation of funds for maintenance and repair of National Highways in the country is nearly 40% of the amount required as per norms. This shortfall in funds is reflected in allocation for maintenance and repair of National Highways to all States including Himachal Pradesh.

Nuclear power for energy security

*30. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:
SHRI CHITTABRATAMAJUMDAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Planning Commission has done any study that nuclear power is the most cost effective means to ensure energy security;

(b)if so, whether nuclear power is costlier or cheaper than coal and gas based power in Indian parameter; and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Roads in border areas

†*31. MS. SUSHILATIRIYA: SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a)whether Government are aware that due to hindrances from environment, forest and various departments, road construction work in border areas, has either stopped or slowed down and the army have to face many difficulties as a result thereof;

(b) if so, whether Government would constitute any coordination committee related to army, so that a solution could be found sitting across the table; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps being taken toy Government\ the accelerate implementation of these projects?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI TR. BAALU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) various road projects affected due to hindrances from environment, forest and various agencies are pursued by the project authorities with them to expedite the clearances. A Committee of Secretaries has already been constituted to resolve the issues related to bottlenecks in the ongoing projects and the Central-State and Inter-Ministerial coordination, which includes the problems associated with roads in border areas.

Plans to provide basic amenities

*32. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a)what are the plans of Government to give basic amenities like cleanliness, water, electricity and sewer lines in the 1400 unauthorised colonies in the capital city keeping in vitw the forthcoming Commonwealth Games in 2010;

(b) the zone-wise details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) to (c) Govemment of National Capital Territory of Delhi (GNCTD) has reported that there are no such plans of Government to give basic amenities in unauthorised colonies in Delhi, specifically in view of the Commonwealth Game 2010. However, GNCTD is providing basic amenities